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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ORNITHOLOGY AND MAMMALOLOGY.

CIRCULAR ON GOPHERS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY 15, 1889.

Mr.....

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Dear Sir :

The Department of Agriculture wishes to secure enough information concerning the range of the three species of Gophers which inhabit the Mississippi Valley to enable it to map with precision the exact area occupied by each. Any information relating to the subject, though not covered by the following questions, will be thankfully received.

Respectfully,
NORMAN J. COLMAN,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

I. Is the Striped Gopher or Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*) present in your neighborhood?
If so, is it destructive to farm crops?
Has it any beneficial traits?.....

II. Is the Gray Gopher or Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus franklini*) present in your neighborhood?
If so, is it destructive to farm crops?
Has it any beneficial traits?

III. Is the Pocket Gopher (*Geomys bursarius*) present in your neighborhood?
If so, is it destructive to farm crops?
Has it any beneficial traits?.....

Answers to the above questions may be written in the blank places provided for the purpose, and this circular may be returned post free in the enclosed penalty envelope.

